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Greetings and 73 to all readers of LARC!

Field Day 2009 is upon us and Danny KD5JSM, Field Day Chairperson needs a few good hams.....(however we will accept any others too! hi hi).

At the time of this newsletter, plans were to hold our Field Day at Gossen Memorial Park in Rayne, Louisiana (in the large, new pavilion as we did last year), on Saturday & Sunday June 27th and 28th. However, it seems that the pavilion was booked by another group in advance, so we may be using another area in the park. We will keep you informed via e-mail.

Danny already has volunteers to cook and provide food. Kathy KD5TJZ, is in charge of refreshments. We also have at least one volunteer operator, Don NJ5X, who will be operating QRP from his mobile station.

Calvin KD5JCT, will have AMOS there along with the generator and antenna trailer. He may need help from someone who has a pickup truck with a hitch. Please contact Calvin and offer him your help. He will let you know what he needs.

Herman KN5GRK, will handle NTS Formal traffic to Mickey Cox K5MC-Delta Division Director, Gary Stratton K5GLS-ARRL LA Section Manager, and Jim Coleman AI5B-LA Section Emergency Coordinator. He will also be available to send formal NTS traffic to anyone, anywhere. If you have any messages to go out to family or friends, Herman will be glad to show you how to format a message and get it in the system. It's pretty easy, you will find. Herman will also handle the ARRL handout table and set up a talk-in station on site.

Dags KE5CGN (club PIO) will probably handle the publicity. We only need to make an effort to obtain publicity. Word of mouth is another way to get the word out.

Usually the Mayor of Rayne, Jim Petitjean, issues a proclamation declaring the week of June 22nd thru 29th as "Amateur Radio Week in Acadiana"—which is very nice.

Volunteers will be needed for antenna assembly, mounting and take down. We will need an experienced Elmer around who can supervise this.

I suspect we may need one or more portable generators. The club has one for AMOS but none others than I know of. Any help will be appreciated. The club will reimburse you for gas, oil, etc. needed to run the equipment.

For any extra transmitters you want to bring, make sure you make provisions for antenna, feed-line, tuner, computer, log or software for logging. Bring chairs and tables as you think necessary for your comfort.

When making arrangements always keep this in mind: Safety is number one. Your safety and the safety of all around you. Tape down electrical wiring to and from generators. Flag any guy wires or antenna wiring that may be in the paths of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Have a plan ready to disconnect, secure and store the equipment in case of threatening weather.

Officers and Board Members: Remember there will be a board meeting at the Red Cross at 5:00 pm just before the Thursday June 4th meeting. We will be discussing this years budget and other issues requiring board approval. See you next Thursday at the meeting.

-73s de John, W4JHC

VP's Message

Well it looks like technology is on the move here in Lafayette. ***Fiber has come to town.***

I am probably the first ham radio operator in Lafayette to make the move to this new technology. Months ago, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) ran their fiber along the overhead utility right-of-way in my neighborhood in north Lafayette, the first to get this new service.

About 2 weeks ago, the fiber crew came out and ran the fiber from the utility pole to the house along the overhead 220 volt entrance. They mounted a box with all the fiber equipment near the meter box.

On May 19th the installation crew came out and hooked up the internet, cable tv, and phone. The installation consisted of drilling two holes thru the wall, one for the Ethernet cable for internet, the other for a line from a charger plugged into a receptacle inside to a battery located in the fiber box outside to keep the phone line working in case of a power outage.

I had to make some changes to my Mozilla Thunderbird e-mail client to receive and send my e-mails. The upload/download speeds are unbelievable as compared to the Bellsouth DSL I was using before. 10 Mbps upload and download.

Before, it would take about a minute to send out a batch e-mail to my list, now it is sent in the blink of an eye.

I had no trouble getting tech support over the phone. No Spanish prompts, and you talk to a "REAL" person that seems to know what is going on.

73's de Herman, KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday June 4th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 pm - Door Prizes - Refreshments

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Amateur Radio Club of Sabine
June 6, 2009

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA
Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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The Field Day Story

Where the spirit of "Amateur Radio Past" joins forces with the Next Generation of Innovations, Interests and Individuals!!!

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air operating event in amateur radio. On the fourth full weekend in June, tens of thousands of amateur radio operators gather for a public demonstration of our service. Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – **and ALL about FUN!**

Amateur radio is about knowledge and growth. It is a hobby and service that truly offers "something for everyone." **Amateur Radio embraces both the old and new.** While CW may no longer be a testing element, it is still a strong and favorite operating mode for many. Tens of thousands of operators are embracing digital technologies, from RTTY to newer digital modes like PSK31 and Olivia. Phone operation, probably the largest segment of the hobby, also has new frontiers to be explored with digitized voice, VOIP, and IRLP. And this is why Field Day – the largest annual on-the-air operating event – is so exciting. It gives all – the old timer and the newcomer, the brass-pounder and the computer assisted operator – the chance to share and teach the broad range of modes and technologies we find in our hobby.

Field Day is truly the time in which **we bring amateur radio to Main Street USA.** By setting up in parking lots, malls, Emergency Operations Centers, parks and even at home, amateur operators learn skills that will allow them to better serve their communities. Setting up in these public venues gives added public relations value – their friends and neighbors can see and experience the fun and public service capability that their "ham radio" neighbors bring to the community.

Join in the fun! For more information on amateur radio and the ARRL – the national organization for Amateur Radio – visit **www.arrl.org**

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will be having our Field Day exercise somewhere on the grounds at Gossen Memorial Park, Rayne, Louisiana on June 27th & 28th, 2009. You are invited to come out and join in on the FUN & FELLOWSHIP with other amateur radio operators. Talk in will be on the 146.820 in Lafayette. **See what it is all about!**

We will have one station set up for any non-amateur regardless to age to operate and make contacts. This is our GOTA station (Get-On-The-Air).

If you would like to help out with this year's Field Day, contact Danny Daigle KD5JSM, Chairperson at:

kd5jasm@yahoo.com

This year we are **"GOING for THE FUN"!**

The theme this year is:

"CATCH THE WAVES"





Two week ago on May 14th, 2009 the Children's Museum of Acadiana completed its third Technician Class.

The class was made up by students and parents of Ms. Turner's 7th grade class from Paul Breau Middle School in Lafayette.

The CMA is proud to announce that 6 participants received their technician license (see listing below). This group included one Father and Son and one Father and Daughter team. In addition to receiving their license, the museum has obtained a signed autograph of Richard Garret, the Astronaut who flew on the Internal Space Station in January. This autograph will be presented to the students in the fall.



The instructors were: Archie Hill W5AG, Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, and Nick Pugh K5QXJ.

VE's for the CMA test session on May 14th were:

Joy Breau N5YCS
 Danny Griffith K5ARH
 Rick Breau N5RLM
 Greg Dolan K5LFT

New hams are:

Kyle X. Castille - KF5BES
 Avinash P Pyla - KF5BEU
 Srinivas Pyla - KF5BEX
 Shelby R. Riedel KF5BEV
 Abbigail A. Wilson - KF5BEW
 Galen D. Wilson - KF5BET

KL7RRC IOTA new one NA-233 activation June 7-19

Please mark your calendar!

We plan to activate IOTA NA-233 Delarof Group in Western Aleutians, Alaska weather permitting June 12th-19th.

Members of Russian Robinson Club Johnny KE7V and Yuri N3QQ will start in Adak (NA-039), Alaska on June 7th. We will concentrate on 6 meter operation towards NA and JA while waiting for our supply ship to arrive.

Trip to Gareloi Island (NA-233) is scheduled for June 12th and potential operating time is only 24-36 hours.

If we find a return charter, we will land on Oogliuga Island (NA-233) and will operate till June 19th.

Regular suggested IOTA frequencies (14.040/14260 etc).

QSL VIA:

Russia/Europe Yuri UA9OBA
 NA/JA/SA Dick N7RO

Please visit our website for a live tracking with SPOT messenger, news, pictures and updates.

<http://na-233.ucoz.com/>

73,
 Yuri Sushkin N3QQ
 Johnny Kiesel KE7V



Amateur Radio Club of Sabine & Gulf Coast Hurricane Net Hamfest

Date: June 6th, 2009

Location: Florien Community Center, Many, Louisiana

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 and you get 1 free ticket to main prizes. Extra tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

VE Testing

Talk-in: 147.280(-) no tone

Prizes:

- 1st - Yaesu 8800R dual band mobile
- 2nd - 2800 2 meter only
- 3rd - Switching Power Supply

Bring whatever you want to sell, swap or donate to the club. Tables are \$5.00 each.

Dinner will be served for \$4.00 each and consists of Bar-B-Que brisket, (or your choice of links or sausage), beans and potato salad. The chief will be Robert Turner KG5YK. Soft drinks and desert extra charge.

This will be a good way to meet some of the folks that check in on the Gulf Coast Hurricane Net.

Contact:

Cecil Harper, WD5CQG

294 Balleycastle Drive

Milam, TX 75959

Phone: 409-625-1565

Email: WD5CQG@arrl.net

Website:

<http://www.ARCSONLINE.org>

AARA Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting at 5:00 PM just before the June 4th General Meeting at the Red Cross Building. All board members are requested to attend if possible.

We have some important items that need to be taken into consideration at this time.

Louisiana Contest Club Update

The Louisiana Contest Club had its quarterly meeting at the Monroe Hamfest. We had a few new faces in the crowd, hopefully there to see the RTTY presentation by me, and to think about joining up with LCC.

Election of officers was held, with all current positions renewed for the 2009-2010 contest season.

Officers for 2009-2010 are as follows:

President: Mark Ketchel K5ER

Vice President: Charles Morrison KI5XP

Secretary/Treasurer: Scott Dickson W5WZ

Board Members are:

Roland Guidry NA5Q, and Archie Hill W5AG.

It was announced that the 2008 CQ WPX CW North American Single Op High trophy sponsored by The LCC was awarded to K6AM who was operating at his ZF2AM super station.

Next meeting to be determined, keep in touch with LCC and its activities via its website: <http://www.n5lcc.com>

Charlie KI5XP



6/05	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/06	MARK	KE5NTW
6/11	SANDRA	KE5KJF
6/13	LEE	WB5NJG
6/22	JOE	AB5GP
7/01	CHARLES	K5UA
7/02	EUGENE	WA5KNC

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

AARA Monday Night Net

The following are the top check-ins for the AARA Monday Night 2 meter net on the 146.820 at 7:00 PM.

The one with the highest check-in score will be the winner of a ARRL Radio Handbook. Out of a total of 21 sessions, ED KC5MMG is the top on as of May 31st.

In case of a tie, a drawing will be held.

KC5MMG	ED	21
KN5GRK	HERMAN	21
KD5YWB	KEN	20
W4JHC	JOHN	19
KE5KJD	LARRY	17
KD5JSM	DANNY	16
W5AG	ARCHIE	16
KD5JCT	CALVIN	16
KE5MWX	NICK	14
W5YNE	WAYNE	13

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The AARA would like to welcome the following first time new member to our club.

JEAN BOUDREAUX - KB5UDF

June 2009 Special Events & Contests

June 5-7	W5HUM—Celebrating Lum & Abner Radio Show - Special Certificate to first 100 QSL's received.
	Museum Ships Weekend—June 6 & 7
June 6	W2CXV—D-Day and Museum Ships Weekend from the USAT LT-5 Oswego, NY
June 6 & 7	NJ2BB—Battleship USS New Jersey, Camden, NJ
June 6 & 7	W4A—Battleship USS Alabama, Mobile, AL
June 6 & 7	W5KID—USS Kid, Baton Rouge, LA
June 6 & 7	N16IW—USS Midway (CV 41), San Diego, CA
June 6 & 7	W6ZZK—Normandy Invasion (D-Day) & Museum Ships Weekend
June 12 & 13	W0S—Commemorating 146 years of the Stars and Stripes Newspaper
June 13	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 20	Kid's Day—Special day for kids to get on the air
June 27 & 28	Field Day—Many Special Events taking place during Field Day

Check June QST pages 80 and 92 for more detailed contests and special event activities.

May VE Test Session Results

At the May 7th General Meeting, the following persons tested and received the following Technician Licenses:

Samuel P. Richard - KF5BCP
Thomas M. Sheppard - KF5BCQ

VE's were:
Danny Griffith K5ARH
Rick Breaux N5RLM
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Roland Guidry NA5Q

MAY 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	44	0	81	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	58		105	KN5GRK Herman
Acadiana ARES Net	4	17	0	52	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	42	0	83	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 7 / G 7	0	26	KE5JKD Larry

Lagniappe . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure. --Mark Twain.

PHARA Hamfest Report

By Jim Bookter - N5NVP

Irma and I attend the Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association's Hotdog Social & Hamfest and we had a great time. Irma and I won a full-size Fresh Apple Cake and a \$25.00 gift certificate from ARRL and attached to it was a current copy of the ARRL Publications Catalog. The Fresh Apple Cake was made by Julie Christian and it certainly has been delicious.

We had a great day just visiting with members of surrounding area club members. It was also nice that Gary Stratton (K5GLS) La Section Manager and Mickey Cox (K5MC) Delta Division Director were in attendance.

2 Meter Radios Wanted

With all the new young students taking the amateur radio classes and getting their license, many of them are not able to get on the air due to financial difficulties.

So if any of our readers have some unwanted HT's or other working 2 meter radios that they would like to donate or sell, please contact Nick Pugh K5QXJ at:

quadpugh@bellsouth.net

I am sure these kids would appreciate your help.

MAKE A YOUNG NEW HAM HAPPY

**Ron Whitecotton
AC5VN - SK**

Ron Whitecotton AC5VN became a silent key on Saturday May 16th. Ron was an Assistant Section Manager under SM Mickey Cox, very active in the Section ARES program and a great friend to many in the Louisiana Section. He was also USAF MARS Louisiana State Director AFF4LA. Ron resigned both positions when he moved out of the Section to Gary, TX, several years ago after he and Betty W5PUP were married. Even after he moved he called the Louisiana Traffic Net on Sunday evenings until he was no longer able to do it.

Ron was laid to rest at 2:00 pm Tuesday May 19th at County-Line Cemetery on FM 1971.

Ron will be missed very much by his family and all his friends. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Kid's Day - June 20



Father's Day - June 21

HB-146

HB-146 regarding the use of cellular phones while driving is a bill up before the State House of Representatives. This bill was worded to exclude hands free cell phones, Citizen Band, and 2 way mobile radios but did not specify Amateur Radios as being in violation of the law.

Rep. Smiley introduced a floor amendment to HB-146 which includes mobile Amateur Radio equipment operation in the list of violation exclusions.

His amendment was adopted. The Bill now goes to the Senate.

Thanks to all who communicated with their State Representatives and thanks to Matt Anderson KD5KNZ our Section State Government Liaison.

We have apparently won this round.

**PLEASE NOTE!
E-Mail Change**

The e-mail address for Herman Campbell KN5GRK, LARC Editor, has changed. The new e-mail address is:

kn5grk@lusfiber.net

The following have not changed:

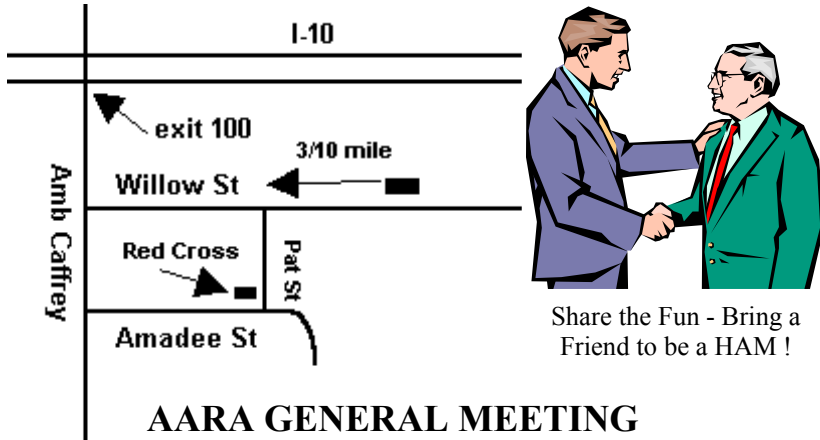
kn5grk@arrl.net

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Field Day Locator: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>



Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday June 4, 2009 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing at 6:00 PM - Refreshments - Door Prizes

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE



Crawfish Dip

(submitted by Linda Breaux—KE5HSY)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 lbs. Crawfish tails | 2 cloves garlic, chopped |
| 3 8 oz. Packages cream cheese | 2 bunches green onions, chopped |
| 2 sticks of butter | 1 bunch of parsley, chopped |
| | salt, red & black pepper |

Sauté parsley, green onion tops and bottoms in butter on medium-high heat. Chop crawfish and add to sautéed vegetables. Lower heat to medium. Cook about 10-15 minutes. Add garlic, then add cream cheese. Stir until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

If you have a recipe that you would like to submit, please send it to:

Herman KN5GRK
Kn5grk@bellsouth.net



FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscmm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245